



Acceptable Documents - Non-Commercial Drivers' Licenses and Identification Cards

Effective July 31, 2009 revised rule 18.19.5.12 NMAC provides that the documents listed below are acceptable as proof of identification number, identity and residency for non-commercial drivers' licenses and identification cards.

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Identification Number SS card required if eligible	Identification Number <u>or</u> Identity (but <u>not</u> both)	Identity 1 document required	NM Residency, age 18 or older 2 documents required	NM Residency, under age 18 1 document required
Note: At least one of the identification number or identity documents must include the applicant's date of birth..			Note: Residency documents must not be more than three (3) months old.	
<p><u>Applicants eligible for a Social Security number (SSN):</u> Applicant must produce his or her Social Security card, or two of the following documents to verify the applicant's SSN:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a U.S., state, or local government-issued medical card; a statement from a federally regulated financial institution; or any document listed in column (2), as long as the document can be used to verify the SSN and is not also used for proof of identity. <p><u>Foreign nationals who are unable to obtain a SSN must produce:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a Matricula Consular card issued after February 1, 2005, by the Mexican Consulate in Albuquerque or El Paso; a valid passport issued by their country of citizenship; or an individual tax identification number (ITIN) card or the applicant's letter from the IRS issuing the ITIN, so long as the ITIN card or letter is accompanied by a matricula consular card (issued after February 1, 2005, by the Mexican Consulate in Albuquerque or El Paso) or a valid passport issued by their country of citizenship. 	<p>Any of the following documents can be used to provide documentary proof of the Applicant's identification number <u>or</u> identity but <u>not both</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a driver's license, learner's permit or identification card issued by the U.S. government or by a state or territory of the U.S., or by a jurisdiction of Canada, as long as it has a photograph and has not been expired more than one year; [Note: New Mexico's new Alternative Identification Card may <u>not</u> be used to satisfy this requirement.]; a Matricula Consular card issued after February 1, 2005, by the Mexican Consulate in Albuquerque or El Paso; a valid passport issued by country of citizenship; an American Indian or Alaskan proof of Indian blood, certificate of degree of Indian blood, federal Indian census card or tribal membership card; a photo identification card issued by the United States Military or Coast Guard or the New Mexico National Guard; an identification document issued by the United States Veterans Administration (VA), if it is accompanied by a VA Medical Center ID card; or a valid United States active-duty, retiree or reservist military ID (DOD ID DD-2). 	<p>Applicants must produce one of the following documents as proof of identity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> original or certified copy of a birth certificate issued by a state or territory of the United States [Note: Hospital birth records do not qualify as birth certificates.]; an original or certified copy of a foreign birth certificate with a notarized English translation; original official copy of an FS545 or FS1350 form certifying birth abroad and translated into English; affidavit of Indian birth; N560 certificate of citizenship; N550 certificate of naturalization; a valid permanent resident card issued by the United States government; a valid I-551 resident alien card issued since 1997; a court order for name change, gender change, adoption or divorce, as long as it includes the legal name, date of birth and court seal; a marriage certificate issued by a state or a territory of the United States; or any document listed in column (2), as long as the document is not also used for proof of identification number. 	<p>Applicants 18 years of age or older must provide two of the following documents, showing the applicant's NM residential address, as proof that the applicant lives in New Mexico:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a real property rental agreement or purchase agreement; a utility bill, such as water, gas, electric, waste, telephone, cable or satellite bill, but not a bill for a cell phone; an insurance bill or other document verifying current coverage such as automobile, home or health; a bank statement; an employment pay stub that contains the applicant's name and address; a local property tax statement or mortgage documents; proof of a minor child enrolled in a New Mexico public, private, or tribal school; a current, valid motor vehicle registration; original documents from a New Mexico community organization attesting to the fact that the applicant is a NM resident; original documents from a city, county, state, tribal or federal government organization attesting to the fact that the applicant is a NM resident; a New Mexico medical assistance card; or a New Mexico public assistance card. 	<p>Applicants less than 18 years of age must provide one of the following documents, showing the applicant's NM residential address, as proof that the applicant lives in New Mexico:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> proof that the child is enrolled in a New Mexico public, private, or tribal school; a bank statement; original documents from a New Mexico community organization, or from a city, county, state, tribal or federal government organization, attesting to the fact that the applicant is a NM resident; documents from membership in a New Mexico religious organization; or documents from membership in a New Mexico sports organization; or an affidavit (MVD-10021) from the applicant's parent or guardian stating that the applicant lives with that person, as long as the affidavit is accompanied by the parent/guardian's New Mexico driver's license or identification card, or two proofs of the parent's or guardian's New Mexico residency.

Note regarding lost licenses and IDs:

A person applying for a driver's license or identification card that was lost can use a New Mexico driver's license photo from the motor vehicle division (MVD) database as proof of identity and identification number, subject to MVD's ability to verify the applicant's social security number or other identification number used to obtain the driver's license or identification card, as sufficient proof to issue a replacement driver's license or identification card.